

Dear Stone School Families:

Stone School, home of Stoney the Tiger, is a wonderful learning community with a dedicated faculty and paraprofessional staff. We are located in a friendly residential neighborhood on the west end of Addison. Our school houses an early childhood education program through fifth grade. Our programs encompass special education, Spanish bilingual Kindergarten, and regular education classrooms. This year Addison School District #4 has implemented the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) which provides students the opportunity to work within their own classroom on topics of interest thus challenging them to achieve their full potential.

Stone School's mission is *Building Positive Futures*. Our school community: teachers, students, and parents, came together during the 2008 – 2009 school year to determine the fundamental purpose of our school. Through this mission, we have a clear purpose for our responsibilities in meeting the needs of all learners including students, faculty, and paraprofessional staff. We are a true community of learners applying new professional knowledge in the classroom daily to increase all students' learning and achievement.

We are in our second year of implementing the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. The students know this program as *Tiger Stripes*. This proactive approach to teaching students behavior expectations in all school settings has decreased office discipline referrals significantly. Noteworthy improvements in students' social skills are enjoyed everyday by staff, students, and visitors. It is not uncommon to enter a classroom and have every student simultaneously greet you with "Good Morning."

Our staff welcomes the opportunity to work with you in fostering the academic and social growth of your child as you are your child's first teacher. You know your child the best so if you have any suggestions you would like to share, please call. Also, if you need assistance in supporting your child's learning at home we are happy to work with you. Please use the Educational Links tab on our website to direct you to exciting computer based learning activities that your child will enjoy. And, as always, please keep reading.

I wish every student and their family a successful school year. If there is anything we can do to help support you or your child, please do not hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,



Christine L. K. Pfaff  
Principal